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V-2665: Wartime Activities (cont'd)

in contact with agents)

FRISCH Moments: Subj was one of best KTHA men in Italy during war; operated in the north, attempting to get a line on KUNIN activity. Subject was responsible for a penetration of Aechan's office near Lausanne; the penetration was never caught (name not supplied). As a result of this, he saw reports on the KUNIN "wire" mission regularly. Was on Swiss Desk of A & VI for a period during the war, but proved unsatisfactory for a sedentary job. Placed on leave by "FRISCH" until a suitable assignment (Italy) came up. Worked closely with "KUNIN" during war. Date-friend of both V-2770 and "FRISCH". At end of war, entrusted with organizing escape of several high Nazis (with their money) to Switzerland. Captured by Italian partisans; turned over to Americans and then to British. Bears grudge against latter for alleged brutal treatment he received. Has handled political as well as K cases.

Prison Traces: Hauptsturmfuehrer Gerung: born ca. 1904; Abt IV Kripo and SD Rome from March until June 1944; probably first arrived in Rome in January 1944 from Berlin in connection with the organization of sabotage operations; was O.C. at Via Tusco, Rome, until 12 May 44, when KOSCHER replaced him; reported to be a very good organizer; formerly a Kripo officer and is said to boast of his knowledge of police work; height 5'6" (168 cm); fat, fair hair, almost bald, large double chin, pendulous lower lip.

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Kriminalkommissar Gerung: born ca. 1912; Leiter Abt III Gestapo Prague in June 1940. (Possibly identical)

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DOB prior to July 1941

Recruited V-2770 for [ UPDATING ]

- 1942: OV 1, OV Rhein/Main, Filialleiter, spotter and agent leader of operational group EURE. Operations: Cologne area. Living: Cologne. Subject's Chief: V-2770.
- 1942 to 1943: Operating: Dusseldorf-East Germany. Living: Dusseldorf.
- 1943: OV 1, OV 2770: Filialleiter 2665. Operations: East and West Germany. Living: Stuttgart. ("see Attachment to 801A-4677")
- 1944, Early: Transferred to Dienststelle 161, Dienststelle a; leader of IV e 1. Operations: West Germany and West Berlin. Living: Stuttgart.
- March 45: Subject, V-2770 and V-2772 are old friends who served together in Kripo during WW II, according to "OV 1" who considers Subject most reliable.

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V-2565: [UPHOLD] (Cont'd)

May 56: Establishment of a Handelsvertretung in Düsseldorf, under V-2978 who will have Headquarters in Cologne.

Description: Resembles one of a penguin; ca. 5'7" tall and probably tips the scales at 190 lbs. Sandy-colored hair and appears to be ca. 52 or 53 years old. Has rotund little figure; most remarkable physical characteristic is his hands which are tiny and tapered; speaks with Rhineland accent; alleges to be a bachelor (married, but does not live with wife) and does not smoke; devotes himself to cognac with gusto.

Abilities: [SUTZBAUGH] comments: Although he is an excellent case officer, he falls down on written reports; gave [ ] the impression of being qualified; experienced officer; quite self-assured and by his own admission able to approach an agent or a contact on whatever basis seems appropriate.

Impressions: (3 September 1956) Now coming into his own increasingly as acting chief of the Cologne office pending [ ]'s move. A loud, garrulous police official who has broad sense of humor, he is either sub-consciously or upon direction, attempting to become "salon-fachig"; one of the most noticeable signs of this is the fact that he has taken to wearing a dark blue Bowery hat which sits comically upon his rather small head. He is currently involved in attempting to line up contacts in the Bonn-Cologne area, and also guiding the destinies of his subordinates.

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